EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received since the adjournment of the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2231. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Final Rule: Establishing the Positive Identiﬁcation Program for Health Care Providers” (RIN0908-AD02), to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2232. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “The Coordination of Provider Education Activities Provided Through Medicare Contraction Factors: The Efﬁciency of Federal Education for Providers of Services and Suppliers”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2234. A communication from the Attorney General, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2235. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Coordinating Care for Medicare Beneficiaries: Early Experiences of 15 Demonstration Programs, Their Patients, and Providers”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2236. A communication from the Attorney General, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2237. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Coordinating Care for Medicare Beneficiaries: Early Experiences of 15 Demonstration Programs, Their Patients, and Providers”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2238. A communication from the Attorney General, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2239. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Coordinating Care for Medicare Beneficiaries: Early Experiences of 15 Demonstration Programs, Their Patients, and Providers”; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first time, and referred as indicated:

S. 1059. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to specify procedures for the conduct of preliminary damage assessments, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to vigorously investigate and prosecute instances of fraud, including fraud in the handling and approval of claims for Federal emergency assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S. 1060. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1061. A bill to provide for secondary school reform, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 292. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to specify procedures for the conduct of preliminary damage assessments, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to vigorously investigate and prosecute instances of fraud, including fraud in the handling and approval of claims for Federal emergency assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2250. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Coordination of Provider Education Activities Provided Through Medicare Contraction Factors: The Efﬁciency of Federal Education for Providers of Services and Suppliers”; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURRAY:

S. 1061. A bill to provide for secondary school reform, and for other purposes; read the first time.
SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):
S. Res. 146. A resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the eruption of Mount St. Helens, approved and agreed to.

By Ms. MURkowski (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DeWINE, Mr. Craig, Ms. Landrieu, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Allen, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):
S. Res. 147. A resolution designating June 2005 as “National Internet Safety Month”; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DODD):
S. Res. 148. A resolution to authorize the display of the Senate Leadership Portrait Collection in the Senate Lobby; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 471, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DeWINE) were added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. Schumer) were added as a cosponsor of S. 499, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to ban abusive credit practices, enhance consumer disclosures, protect undercover consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. Boxer) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 603

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. HARKIN):